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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE #3A

In re Application of 1772

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Group Art Unit: TO BE ASSIGNED

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Serial No.: 09/254,185

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For: AN ANISOTROPIC POLYMER LAYER (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

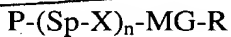
Delete the title in its entirety and insert therefore, --AN ANISOTROPIC POLYMER LAYER--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 14-30 as follows.

A 14. An anisotropic polymer layer exhibiting a tilted structure with an optical axis having a tilt angle θ relative to the plane of the layer, obtained by polymerizing a polymerizable mesoenic material comprising at least one compound of:



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